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## **411 Ride On, Ride On in Majesty CW 411**

- 1 Ride on, ride on in majesty!  
Hark! All the tribes hosanna cry.  
O Savior meek, pursue your road,  
with palms and scattered garments strowed.
- 2 Ride on, ride on in majesty!  
In lowly pomp ride on to die.  
O Christ, your triumphs now begin  
o'er captive death and conquered sin.
- 3 Ride on, ride on in majesty!  
The angel armies of the sky

look down with sad and wond'ring eyes  
to see th' approaching sacrifice.

- 4 Ride on, ride on in majesty!  
Your last and fiercest strife is nigh.  
The Father on his sapphire throne  
awaits his own anointed Son.
- 5 Ride on, ride on in majesty!  
In lowly pomp ride on to die.  
Bow your meek head to mortal pain,  
then take, O Christ, your pow'r and reign.

## **Sermon**

Jesus Rides on for Us  
*Stand*

## **Apostles' Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our**

**Lord,**

**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended into hell.**

**The third day he rose again from the  
dead.**

**He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of God  
the Father Almighty.**

**From there he will come to judge the  
living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*Be seated*

## Prayer of the Church

### Offering

### Offertory “Hosanna Hallelujah”

*sung by our school students*

### Reading

*Mark 14:1–26*

It was two days before the Passover and the Festival of Unleavened Bread. The chief priests and the experts in the law were looking for some deceptive way to arrest Jesus and kill him.

<sup>2</sup>“Certainly not during the Festival,” they said, “or there will be a riot among the people.”

<sup>3</sup>While Jesus was in Bethany, in the house of Simon the leper, as he was reclining at the table, a woman came with an alabaster jar of very expensive perfume, made from pure nard. She broke the alabaster jar and poured it over his head. <sup>4</sup>But there were some who were indignant and said to one another, “Why has this perfume been wasted? <sup>5</sup>Certainly this perfume could have been sold for more than three hundred denarii<sup>a</sup> and given to the poor!” And they began to scold

her.

<sup>6</sup>But Jesus said, “Leave her alone. Why are you bothering her? She has done a beautiful thing for me. <sup>7</sup>In fact, you always have the poor with you, and whenever you want, you can do good for them. But you are not always going to have me. <sup>8</sup>She did what she could. She anointed my body beforehand for burial. <sup>9</sup>Amen I tell you: Wherever the gospel is preached in the whole world, what this woman did will also be told in memory of her.”

<sup>10</sup>Judas Iscariot, one of the Twelve, went to the chief priests in order to betray Jesus to them. <sup>11</sup>When they heard this, they were glad and promised to give him money. So he began to look for an opportunity to betray him.

<sup>12</sup>On the first day of the Festival of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb is sacrificed, his disciples asked him, “Where do you want us to go and prepare for you to eat the Passover?” <sup>13</sup>He sent two of his disciples and said to them, “Go into the city, and there a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him. <sup>14</sup>Wherever he enters, tell the owner of the house that the

Teacher says, ‘Where is my guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?’ <sup>15</sup>He will show you a large upper room, furnished and ready. Make preparations for us there.”

<sup>16</sup>His disciples left and went into the city and found things just as he had told them; and they prepared the Passover.

<sup>17</sup>When it was evening, he arrived with the Twelve.

<sup>18</sup>While they were reclining and eating, Jesus said, “Amen I tell you: One of you will betray me, one who is eating with me.”

<sup>19</sup>They began to be sorrowful and said to him one by one, “Surely not I?”

<sup>20</sup>He said to them, “It is one of the Twelve, one who is dipping bread with me in the dish.

<sup>21</sup>Indeed, the Son of Man is going to go just as it has been written about him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that man if he had not been born.”

<sup>22</sup>While they were eating, Jesus took bread. When he had blessed it, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, “Take it. This is my body.”

<sup>23</sup>Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them. They all drank from it. <sup>24</sup>He said to them, "This is my blood of the new testament, which is poured out for many. <sup>25</sup>Amen I tell you: I will certainly not drink again of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God." <sup>26</sup>After they sang a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

#### **420 Jesus, I Will Ponder Now    CW 420**

- 1 Jesus, I will ponder now  
    on your holy passion;  
with your Spirit me endow  
    for such meditation.  
Grant that I in love and faith  
    may the image cherish  
of your suffering, pain, and death  
    that I may not perish.
- 2 Make me see your great distress,  
    anguish, and affliction,  
bonds and stripes and wretchedness  
    and your crucifixion;  
make me see how scourge and rod,

spear and nails did wound you,  
how for them you died, O God,  
who with thorns had crowned you.

3 Yet, O Lord, not thus alone  
make me see your passion,  
but its cause to me make known  
and its termination.

Ah! I also and my sin  
wrought your deep affliction;  
this indeed the cause has been  
of your crucifixion.

4 Grant that I your passion view  
with repentant grieving;  
let me not bring shame to you  
by unholy living.

How could I refuse to shun  
ev'ry sinful pleasure  
since for me God's only Son  
suffered without measure?

5 If my sins give me alarm  
and my conscience grieve me,



let your cross my fear disarm,  
peace of conscience give me.  
Help me see forgiveness won  
by your holy passion.  
If for me he slays his Son,  
God must have compassion!

6 Graciously my faith renew;  
help me bear my crosses,  
learning humbleness from you,  
peace mid pain and losses.  
May I give you love for love!  
Hear me, O my Savior,  
that I may in heav'n above  
sing your praise forever.

## **Reading**

*Mark 14:27–42*

<sup>27</sup>Jesus said to them, “You will all fall away because of me. For it is written: ‘I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered.’ <sup>28</sup>But after I am raised, I will go ahead of you into Galilee.” <sup>29</sup>But Peter said to him, “Even if all fall away, I will not.”

<sup>30</sup>Jesus said to him, “Amen I tell you: Today—

this very night—before the rooster crows twice, you will deny me three times.”

<sup>31</sup>But Peter kept saying emphatically, “Even if I have to die with you, I will never deny you.” And they all said the same thing.

<sup>32</sup>They went to a place named Gethsemane. Jesus told his disciples, “Sit here while I pray.”

<sup>33</sup>Then he took Peter, James, and John along with him and began to be troubled and distressed.

<sup>34</sup>He said to them, “My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow, even to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch.”

<sup>35</sup>Going forward a little, he fell on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. <sup>36</sup>He also said, “*Abba*, Father, everything is possible for you. Take this cup away from me. Yet not what I will, but what you will.”

<sup>37</sup>When he returned to the disciples, he found them sleeping. He said to Peter, “Simon, are you sleeping? Were you not strong enough to keep watch for one hour? <sup>38</sup>Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.”

<sup>39</sup>Again he went away and prayed, saying the same thing. <sup>40</sup>When he returned, he found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. They did not know what they should answer him. <sup>41</sup>He returned the third time and said to them, “Are you going to continue sleeping and resting? It is enough. The hour has come. Look, the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. <sup>42</sup>Rise, let us go. Look, my betrayer is near.”

#### **406 In the Hour of Trial**

CW 406

- 1 In the hour of trial,  
    Jesus, plead for me  
    lest by base denial  
    I unworthy be.  
When you see me waver,  
    with a look recall,  
nor for fear or favor  
    ever let me fall.
- 2 With forbidden pleasures  
    should this vain world charm  
or its tempting treasures  
    spread to work me harm,

bring to my remembrance  
sad Gethsemane  
or, in darker semblance,  
cross-crowned Calvary.

3 Should your mercy send me  
sorrow, toil, and woe,  
or should pain attend me  
on my path below,  
grant that I may never  
fail your cross to view;  
grant that I may ever  
cast my care on you.

4 When my life is ending,  
though in grief or pain,  
when my body changes  
back to dust again,  
on your truth relying,  
through that mortal strife,  
Jesus, take me, dying,  
to eternal life.

<sup>43</sup>Just then, while he was still speaking, Judas, one of the Twelve, arrived. A crowd was with him, armed with swords and clubs. They were from the chief priests, the experts in the law, and the elders. <sup>44</sup>Now his betrayer had given them a signal, saying, “The one I kiss is the man. Arrest him and lead him away under guard.” <sup>45</sup>He went right to Jesus and said, “Rabbi!” and kissed him. <sup>46</sup>They laid hands on him and arrested him. <sup>47</sup>But one of those who stood nearby drew his sword, struck the servant of the high priest, and cut off his ear.

<sup>48</sup>Jesus responded by saying to them, “Have you come out with swords and clubs to capture me as you would a criminal? <sup>49</sup>Day after day I was with you, teaching in the temple courts, and you did not arrest me. But this happened so that the Scriptures may be fulfilled.” <sup>50</sup>Then the disciples all left him and fled.

<sup>51</sup>A certain young man was following him, wearing just a linen cloth over his naked body. They seized him, <sup>52</sup>but he left behind the linen cloth and fled from them naked.

<sup>53</sup>They led Jesus away to the high priest. All the

chief priests, the elders, and the experts in the law gathered together. <sup>54</sup>Peter followed him at a distance, right into the courtyard of the high priest. He was sitting with the guards and warming himself at the fire.

<sup>55</sup>The chief priests and the whole Sanhedrin were looking for testimony against Jesus in order to put him to death, but they did not find any.

<sup>56</sup>Many testified falsely against him, but their testimonies did not agree. <sup>57</sup>Some stood up and gave this false testimony against him: <sup>58</sup>“We heard him say, ‘I will destroy this temple made with hands, and in three days I will build another made without hands.’” <sup>59</sup>Yet even on this point, their testimony did not agree.

<sup>60</sup>The high priest stepped forward and questioned Jesus, “Have you no answer? What is this they are testifying against you?”

<sup>61</sup>But Jesus was silent and did not answer anything.

Again the high priest asked him, “Are you the Christ, the Son of the Blessed One?”

<sup>62</sup>“I am,” Jesus said. “And you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of power and

coming with the clouds of heaven.”

**429 O Sacred Head, Now Wounded** CW 429

1 O sacred head, now wounded,  
    with grief and shame weighed down,  
now scornfully surrounded,  
    with thorns your only crown,  
O sacred head, no glory  
    now from your face does shine;  
yet, though despised and gory,  
    I joy to call you mine.

2 Men mock and taunt and jeer you,  
    they smite your countenance,  
though mighty worlds shall fear you  
    and flee before your glance.  
How pale you are with anguish,  
    with sore abuse and scorn!  
Your eyes with pain now languish  
    that once were bright as morn!

3 Now from your cheeks has vanished  
    their color, once so fair;  
from your red lips is banished

the splendor that was there.  
Grim death with cruel rigor  
has robbed you of your life;  
thus you have lost your vigor,  
your strength, in this sad strife.

4 My burden in your passion,  
Lord, you have borne for me,  
for it was my transgression,  
my shame, on Calvary.  
I cast me down before you;  
wrath is my rightful lot.  
Have mercy, I implore you;  
Redeemer, spurn me not!

5 What language shall I borrow  
to thank you, dearest Friend,  
for this, your dying sorrow,  
your pity without end?  
O make me yours forever,  
and keep me strong and true;  
Lord, let me never, never  
outlive my love for you.



- 6 My Savior, then be near me  
when death is at my door,  
and let your presence cheer me;  
forsake me nevermore!  
When soul and body languish,  
O leave me not alone,  
but take away my anguish  
by virtue of your own!
- 7 Lord, be my consolation,  
my shield when I must die;  
remind me of your passion  
when my last hour draws nigh.  
My eyes will then behold you,  
upon your cross will dwell;  
my heart will then enfold you—  
who dies in faith dies well!

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## Reading

*Mark 14:66—15:15*

<sup>66</sup>While Peter was in the courtyard below, one of the servant girls of the high priest came there.

<sup>67</sup>When she saw Peter warming himself, she looked directly at him and said, “You were also with the Nazarene, Jesus!”

<sup>68</sup>But he denied it, saying, “I don’t know or understand what you are saying,” and he went out to the entryway. Then a rooster crowed.

<sup>69</sup>When the servant girl saw him, once more she began to tell those standing there, “This is one of them.”

<sup>70</sup>But again he denied it. After a little while those who were standing there said to Peter, “Surely you are one of them, because you are a Galilean.”

<sup>71</sup>But he began to curse and to swear, “I do not know this man you are talking about!” <sup>72</sup>Just then, the rooster crowed for the second time. Then Peter remembered what Jesus had said to him: “Before the rooster crows twice, you will deny me three times.” And he broke down and wept.

<sup>1</sup>As soon as it was morning, the chief priests, along with the elders, the experts in the law, and the whole Sanhedrin, reached a decision. They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over

to Pilate. <sup>2</sup>Pilate asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?”

He answered him, “It is as you say.”

<sup>3</sup>The chief priests accused him of many things. <sup>4</sup>Pilate questioned him again, “Are you not going to answer anything? See how many charges they are bringing against you!”

<sup>5</sup>But Jesus still did not answer anything, so Pilate was amazed.

<sup>6</sup>At each Festival, Pilate used to release to the people one prisoner whom they requested.

<sup>7</sup>There was one named Barabbas, who was imprisoned with the rebels and had committed murder in the rebellion. <sup>8</sup>The crowd came up and began to ask Pilate to do for them what he usually did.

<sup>9</sup>Pilate replied, “Do you want me to release the King of the Jews to you?” <sup>10</sup>In fact, he knew that it was because of envy that the chief priests had handed him over.

<sup>11</sup>But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release Barabbas to them instead.

<sup>12</sup>Again, Pilate replied to them, “Then what do you want me to do with the man you call the

King of the Jews?”

<sup>13</sup>“Crucify him!” they shouted back.

<sup>14</sup>But Pilate said to them, “Why? What has he done wrong?”

But they shouted even louder, “Crucify him!”

<sup>15</sup>Since he wanted to satisfy the crowd, Pilate released Barabbas to them. After he had Jesus flogged, he handed him over to be crucified.

#### **414 No Tramp of Soldiers’ Marching Feet CW 414**

1 No tramp of soldiers’ marching feet  
with banners and with drums,  
no sound of music’s martial beat:

“The King of glory comes!”

To greet what pomp of kingly pride  
no bells in triumph ring,  
no city gates swing open wide:

“Behold, behold your King!”

2 And yet he comes. The children cheer;  
with palms his path is strown.

With ev’ry step the cross draws near:  
the King of glory’s throne.

Astride a colt he passes by

as loud hosannas ring,  
or else the very stones would cry  
“Behold, behold your King!”

3 What fading flow’rs his road adorn;  
the palms, how soon laid down!  
No bloom or leaf but only thorn  
the King of glory’s crown.  
The soldiers mock, the rabble cries,  
the streets with tumult ring,  
as Pilate to the mob replies,  
“Behold, behold your King!”

4 Now he who bore for mortals’ sake  
the cross and all its pains  
and chose a servant’s form to take,  
the King of glory reigns.  
Hosanna to the Savior’s name  
till heaven’s rafters ring,  
and all the ransomed host proclaim  
“Behold, behold your King!”

## Reading

*Mark 15:16–47*

<sup>16</sup>The soldiers led him away inside the palace, which is the Praetorium, and called together the whole cohort of soldiers. <sup>17</sup>They put a purple robe on him, twisted together a crown of thorns, and put it on him. <sup>18</sup>The soldiers began to salute him, “Hail, King of the Jews!” <sup>19</sup>They kept hitting him on the head with a reed and spitting on him. They also kneeled down to pay homage to him.

<sup>20</sup>When they had mocked him, they took off the purple robe and put his own clothing on him. Then they led him out to crucify him.

<sup>21</sup>A certain man, Simon of Cyrene (the father of Alexander and Rufus), was passing by on his way in from the country. They forced him to carry Jesus’ cross. <sup>22</sup>They brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha, which means, “The place of a skull.” <sup>23</sup>They tried to give him wine mixed with myrrh, but he did not take it. <sup>24</sup>They crucified him. And they divided his garments, casting lots for them to decide what each of them would take.

<sup>25</sup>Now it was the third hour when they crucified him. <sup>26</sup>The superscription stating the charge against him read, “The King of the Jews.” <sup>27</sup>They also crucified two criminals with him, one on his right and one on his left.

<sup>29</sup>Those who passed by ridiculed him, shaking their heads and saying, “Ha! You who are going to destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, <sup>30</sup>save yourself! Come down from the cross!”

<sup>31</sup>In the same way, the chief priests along with the experts in the law mocked him among themselves. “He saved others,” they said. “He cannot save himself. <sup>32</sup>Let the Christ, the King of Israel, come down now from the cross so that we may see and believe!”

Those who were crucified with him also insulted him.

<sup>33</sup>When it was the sixth hour, darkness came over the whole land until the ninth hour. <sup>34</sup>At the ninth hour Jesus shouted with a loud voice, “Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?” which means, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”

<sup>35</sup>When some of those standing there heard

this, they said, “Listen, he’s calling Elijah!”

<sup>36</sup>Someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink. They said, “Leave him alone. Let’s see if Elijah comes to take him down.”

<sup>37</sup>Jesus cried out with a loud voice and breathed his last. <sup>38</sup>The curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. <sup>39</sup>When the centurion who stood facing him saw how he cried out and breathed his last, he said, “Truly this man was the Son of God!”

<sup>40</sup>There were also women watching from a distance. Among them were Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joses, and Salome. <sup>41</sup>When he was in Galilee, they followed him and served him. Many other women also came up with him to Jerusalem.

<sup>42</sup>It was already evening, and since it was Preparation Day (that is, the day before the Sabbath), <sup>43</sup>Joseph from Arimathea, a prominent member of the Council, who was himself waiting for the kingdom of God, boldly went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. <sup>44</sup>Pilate was surprised that he was already dead. He



summoned the centurion and asked him if Jesus had been dead for a long time. <sup>45</sup>When he learned from the centurion that it was so, he granted the body to Joseph. <sup>46</sup>Joseph bought a linen cloth, took him down, and wrapped him in the linen cloth. He laid him in a tomb that had been cut out of rock, and he rolled a stone against the entrance of the tomb. <sup>47</sup>Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses were watching where the body was laid.

*Stand*

## **Prayer**

Almighty and everlasting God, you sent your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take upon himself our flesh and suffer death upon the cross. Mercifully grant that we may follow the example of his great humility and patience and be made partakers of his resurrection; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

## **Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done**

**on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those**

**who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom  
and the power and the glory  
forever and ever. Amen.**

## **Blessing**

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and ✝ give you peace.

**Amen.**

*Be seated*

## **432 O Dearest Jesus, What Law Have You Broken**

CW 432

- 1 O dearest Jesus, what law have you broken  
that such sharp sentence should on you be  
spoken?  
Of what great crime have you to make  
confession,  
what dark transgression?
- 2 They crown your head with thorns, they smite,  
they scourge you;  
with cruel mockings to the cross they urge

you;  
they give you gall to drink, they still decry you;  
they crucify you.

3 Whence come these sorrows, whence this  
mortal anguish?

It is my sins for which you, Lord, must  
languish;  
yes, all the wrath, the woe that you inherit,  
this I do merit.

4 What punishment so strange is suffered  
yonder!

The Shepherd dies for sheep that loved to  
wander;  
the Master pays the debt his servants owe him,  
who would not know him.

5 The sinless Son of God must die in sadness,  
the sinful child of man may live in gladness;  
we forfeited our lives, yet are acquitted;  
God is committed.

6 I'll think upon your mercy without ceasing,  
that earth's vain joys to me no more be  
pleasing;  
to do your will shall be my sole endeavor  
henceforth forever.

7 And when, dear Lord, before your throne in  
heaven  
to me the crown of joy at last is given,  
where sweetest hymns your saints forever  
raise you,  
I too shall praise you.

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